

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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SACROILIAC JOINT IMMOBILIZATION

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time of two months from November 11, 2005 to January 11, 2006 within which to respond to the Office Action dated August 11, 2005 is requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the amount of \$225.00 to cover the extension fee to Deposit Account No. 16-0631, and any underpayments, overpayments or additionally required fees.

Respectfully submitted

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Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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